

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-710

October 13, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Addendum to
Package Power Service Rider with
Champion International Corporation

ORDER APPROVING
ADDENDUM

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's) proposed Addendum to its Package Power Service Rider with Champion International Corporation (Champion).

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On October 6, 1999, CMP filed with this Commission a proposed Addendum to its Package Power Service Rider of the Customer Service Agreement with Champion.¹ Under this Addendum, Champion may purchase Package Power under either of two options. Under the first option, Champion would pay the actual market price, plus an adder, for its Package Power purchases. Under the second option, Champion would purchase Package Power based on a dedicated purchase made by CMP specifically to serve Champion. The price for this second option would be based on the specific dedicated purchase plus an appropriate adder, as determined by CMP. The Addendum provides that Champion would be responsible for any "take-or pay" obligations that arise from such dedicated purchases, except that CMP will purchase any energy and operable capability, in excess of Champion's needs, back from Champion at the market price. The term of this Addendum commences on the date of Commission approval and continues, month-to-month, upon the prior mutual agreement of the parties through December 31, 1999.

Although the revenue contribution from this Addendum is small, given that the rates are based on the actual market prices or the costs associated with a designated purchase plus an adder, as determined by CMP, and CMP can, in each month, evaluate whether it believes continuation of the arrangement is beneficial, we find that there is no significant risk to CMP's other customers as a result of this Addendum. We will, however, reserve the right to consider in future proceedings the ratemaking treatment appropriate for any

¹ The original Customer Service Agreement was approved by the Commission on January 6, 1995 in Docket No. 92-345(II).

designated purchases, to the extent such purchases could have been used to lower the costs of providing generation service to all ratepayers rather than just Champion.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

That the Addendum to the Package Power Service Rider of the Customer Service Agreement with Champion International Corporation filed by Central Maine Power Company on October 6, 1999, is hereby approved and may become effective as of the date of this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 13th day of October, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent
Diamond

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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